

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 remain in this application.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.  
An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly  
requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in  
the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested  
to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this,  
concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any  
overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional  
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPENDIX:**

The Appendix includes the following item(s) :

- a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure
- a Replacement Sheet for Figure \_\_\_\_\_ of the drawings
- a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the originally-filed specification
- a terminal disclaimer
- a 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration
- a verified English translation of foreign priority document